



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF STERLING

"As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice."

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

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"Our mission is to support a high quality of life for those we serve in our community by preserving peace, protecting life and property and providing public safety leadership. We accomplish this mission by response with compassion, performance with integrity and law enforcement with vision."

SPD Mission Statement - 2012



October 7, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE *Officer Involved Shooting*

On Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at approximately 7:04pm, Sterling Police received a report of Douglas Sanchez being at the Eagle Convenience store located in the 900 block of West Main Street. Douglas Sanchez, 54 of Sterling, was wanted on numerous charges as a result of a shooting incident that occurred 6 days prior on September 30, 2020 in which Mr. Sanchez is the suspect. Mr. Sanchez was wanted on the following charges:

- 18-3-102(1)(A)- Murder in the First Degree, Criminal Attempt, Class 2 Felony
- 18-3-206(1)(A)- Menacing, Class 5 Felony
- 18-12-108- Possession of Weapon by Previous Offender, Class 6 Felony
- 18-3-208- Reckless endangerment, Class 3 Misdemeanor
- 42-2-206(1)(A)- Drove Vehicle when License Revoke, HTO Misdemeanor

As officers were responding to the reported sighting of Mr. Sanchez they were advised was leaving in a vehicle in which a description and license plate number were provided. The vehicle matching the description was located and an officer initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle ultimately stopped in the 400 block of S. 6th Ave.

A male passenger, who the officer recognized as Mr. Sanchez, exited the vehicle running west in an alley. The Officer pursued Mr. Sanchez on foot for a short distance when Mr. Sanchez stopped, turned and confronted the officer. Mr. Sanchez brandished a weapon and was shot by a Sterling Police Officer. He was transported to Sterling Regional Medical Center, unknown condition. There were no injuries to officers or bystanders.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation is conducting the investigation and it remains active. As is protocol in officer involved shootings, the shooting officer will be on administrative leave. No additional information will be provided at this time. Additional charges are pending for Mr. Sanchez as a result of the incident.